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TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in the United States make up our nation's largest health care profession, serving patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association act as the voice for the nurses of this country, working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventative healthcare, and a renewed emphasis on primary and preventative health care, requiring the better utilization of all of our nation's nursing resources, and

WHEREAS, professional and practical nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for licensed nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services, that more qualified licensed nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care system in the future; and

WHEREAS, along with the Kansas State Board of Nursing and the Kansas State Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association have declared May 2023 as NATIONAL NURSES MONTH with the theme "You Make A Difference" to celebrate the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and paved the way to improve our health care system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, May, 2023, as

National Nurses Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 28th day of April, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State